AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier in which a first sideshaft gear and a second sideshaft gear are arranged, wherein a multi-plate coupling is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier and [[a]]the second sideshaft gear, said multi-plate coupling comprising a hub and a plate package, said hub of said multi-plate coupling being produced so as to be integral with said second sideshaft gear, the differential carrier comprising a dish-shaped carrier part in which there are received the first and second sideshaft gears and differential gears, and a dish-shaped cover which receives the plate[[s]] package of the multi-plate coupling, wherein the plate package of the multi-plate coupling is axially supported against the dish-shaped carrier part, wherein the dish-shaped carrier part and the dish-shaped cover each comprise a connecting portion arranged so as to oppose one another to inter-connect the carrier part with the cover such that the carrier part and cover are oriented to extend away from each other at the connecting portions, [[and]] wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures and blades, and wherein the blades are associated with the apertures and have a centripetal effect on a surrounding medium.

2. (Previously Presented) A differential according to claim 1, wherein, in the sense of rotation, outer plates of the multi-plate coupling are form-fittingly held in the cover and, in the sense of rotation, inner plates of the multi-plate coupling are form-fittingly held on a hub connected to one of the sideshaft gears.

3. (Previously Presented) A differential according to claim 1 comprising a sleeve arranged on an outside of the cover which axially supports an actuator for the multi-plate coupling.

4. (Previously Presented) A differential according to claim 3, wherein the actuator is radially supported on the sleeve.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from an actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

8. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier in which a first sideshaft gear and a second sideshaft gear are arranged, wherein a multi-plate coupling is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier and a sideshaft gear, said multi-plate coupling comprising a hub and a plate package, said hub of said multi-plate coupling being produced so as to be integral with said second sideshaft gear, the differential carrier comprising:

a dish-shaped carrier part in which there are received the first and second sideshaft gears and differential gears, and a dish-shaped cover which receives the plates of the multi-plate coupling, wherein the plate package of the multi-plate coupling is axially supported against the dish-shaped carrier part, wherein the carrier part and the cover each comprise a base portion, a casing portion and a connecting portion for interconnecting the carrier part with the cover, wherein the carrier part and the cover are connected such that the base portions are arranged on opposite sides with regard to said connecting portions, and wherein the differential drive further comprises a sleeve arranged on an outside of the cover which sleeve axially supports an actuator for the multi-plate coupling.

19. (Previously Presented) A differential according to claim 18, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from an actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

20. (New) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the second sideshaft gear is guided self-centringly between the differential gears.

21. (New) A differential according to claim 18, wherein the second sideshaft gear is guided self-centringly between the differential gears.

22. (New) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the carrier part, in the region of the connecting portion, comprises an axial opening, wherein the size of the opening is such that the second sideshaft gear can be introduced into the carrier part through said opening.

23. (New) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the carrier part, in the region of the connecting portion, comprises an axial opening, wherein the size of the opening is such that the second sideshaft gear can be introduced into the carrier part through said opening.

24. (New) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the second sideshaft gear is axially supported against the dish-shaped cover of the multi-plate coupling.

25. (New) A differential according to claim 1, wherein the second sideshaft gear is axially supported against the dish-shaped cover of the multi-plate coupling.